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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the March 28, 2002, office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please amend claims 4, 7, 8, 9, 18, 20, 22, 24, and 25 as follows:

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4. (Amended) An antisense nucleic acid molecule encoding a nucleic acid sequence which is complementary to the nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1.

5. ~~7~~ (Amended) An expression vector comprising a transcriptional and translational regulatory DNA operably linked to the nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1.

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6. ~~8~~ (Amended) An expression vector according to claim 5, wherein the nucleic acid molecule is in proper sense orientation and correct reading frame.